

Egremont Board of Health

Friday, September 10, 2021, 4:00 pm

Egremont Town Hall

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Ellen Maggio

Also In Attendance Via Zoom: Lucinda Fenn Vermeulen, George McGurn (exited meeting at 2:10 pm)

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. He noted the members of the EBOH and staff present. Minutes from the previous BOH meeting will be discussed at the next regularly schedule meeting.
- 2) The board began discussing the draft mask directive that was circulated prior to the meeting. The purpose of the directive is to mitigate the current upward trend of positive COVID cases in the Town of Egremont due to the Delta variant. Director Haas received notification from the Tri Town Health Department that they issued a similar directive for the towns of Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge earlier in the week. The Town of Great Barrington issued a mask advisory about a month prior. The directive requires the wearing of masks in most indoor settings where the public has access until amended or rescinded by the EBOH. It leaves the enforcement of the directive to the owner in control of the public place and only refers to the issuing of fines by the EBOH in the event of complaints of repeated offense. A sign to be hung on all entrances of indoors public places will be provided by the EBOH.
- 3) George McGurn, Chairman of the Select Board exited the meeting in deference to a quorum being present without being posted. Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Vice Chair of the Select Board spoke to the situation. She requested minor changes to the directive and asked that businesses be given enough time to take the necessary steps if the directive is enacted. It was agreed the directive will be sent via email to all Egremont businesses on Saturday September 11th with an effective date of Tuesday September 14th at 12:01 am. The EBOH will also send an email informing the community that this directive is in effect.
- 4) Member Maggio made a motion to adopt the mask directive with the revisions mentioned and the effective date of Tuesday September 14th. Chairman Ogden seconded. Vote taken: 2 – 0. The directive was adopted.
- 5) Meeting adjourned 4:45 pm.

Juliette S. Haas
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